THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Committee for central pollution control guidelines

4705. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Committee has been formed to bring changes in CPC guidelines;

(b) if so, the composition of the Committee; and

(c) what are its recommendations and by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment & Forests has notified general and source specific standards for various industries to control pollution. The standards and norms are periodically reviewed from time to time with technological development in consultation with the existing Peer/Core Groups and other committees already constituted in the Central Pollution Control Board and the Ministry. The recommendations of such Groups and Committees are assessed in the Ministry and appropriate action taken, wherever necessary, for their implementation through Central and State Pollution Control Boards.

Compensation to affected families of Bhopal Gas Tragedy

4706. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that still there are many affected families of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy who have not been compensated adequately;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide relief to these families?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Claim cases have been filed by individual claimants and not by families. In all, 10,29,516 claims were filed under various categories and all the cases have been decided. 5,73,018 claims have been settled and claimants have been awarded a total compensation of Rs. 1542.31 crore. 4,56,498 cases have been rejected. As per orders of

the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19th July, 2004, those claimants who have been awarded original compensation (5,73,018) have to be paid additional compensation on pro-rata basis. This process has been started and 1,57,752 claimants have already been paid pro-rata compensation by the Welfare Commissioner amounting to Rs. 458.88 crore till 21.4.2005. The pro-rata disbursement process has to be completed by 30th April, 2006, as per orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Forecasting of pollution levels by group of consultants

4707. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some group of consultants specialising in forecasting pollution levels for cities across the world now want to do the same in India;

(b) if so, Goverment's comments thereon;

(c) the effect of such forecasting;

(d) whether Government propose to involve itself in this; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) A Team of consultants from Japan International Co-operation Agency has provided technical assistance for development of study relating to 'Water Quality Management Plan for Ganga' with focus along stretches of four towns namely, Kanpur, Lucknow, Allahabad and Varanasi. The study envisages estimation of sewage generation for various years upto 2030 and the river pollution problem scenario in four towns. Source apportionment studies to forecast air pollution generated from various sources in identified major towns have also been initiated through consultants.

(d) and (e) All the stake holders are participating in the above referred activities.

Seizure of the skins of tigers and leopards

4708. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: